

* **Call to Worship:** *Psalm 91:1-4*
Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.
**I will say to the LORD, “He is my refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust.”**
Surely he will deliver you from the flower’s snare
and from the deadly pestilence.
**He will cover you with his feathers,
and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.**

* **God’s Greeting**

* **Great Is the Lord**

Great is the Lord, He is holy and just;
By His power we trust in His love.
Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true;
By His mercy He proves He is love.

Great is the Lord, and worthy of glory!
Great is the Lord, and worthy of praise!
Great is the Lord!
Now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice:
Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!

Great are You, Lord, and worthy of glory!
Great are You, Lord, and worthy of praise!
Great are You, Lord!
I lift up my voice, I lift up my voice:
Great are You, Lord! Great are You, Lord!

* **Here I Am to Worship**

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness,
Opened my eyes let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore You,
Hope of a life spent with You.

Refrain: So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God.
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh so highly exalted,
Glorious in heaven above.
Humbly You came to the earth You created,
All for love's sake became poor. *Refrain*

* indicates to stand if able

* **When I Survey the Wondrous Cross** #258:1,2 (HFG)
When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ, my God.
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

Lenten Reading

Call to Confession: *II Peter 3:15-16*

Prayer of Confession:

**Father, forgive us our bold ignorance.
Forgive us for turning your scriptures
toward our own selfish motivations and opinions.
Forgive us this pride and sin against you and your word.
Amen.**

Response: *Psalm 19:7*

**The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul.
The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy,
making wise the simple.**

Just As I Am #417:1,2,3 (HFG)

Just as I am, without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou biddest me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about
With many-a conflict, many-a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

(Children 3 years old – 2nd grade are invited to
Children’s Church in the Ed. Building during this song.)

Offertory Prayer

Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance

Morning Prayer

* **May the Mind of Christ, My Savior** #483:1,2 (HFG)
May the mind of Christ, my Savior,
Live in me from day to day,
By His love and power controlling all I do and say.

May the word of God dwell richly
In my heart from hour to hour,
So that all may see I triumph only through His power.

* **Scripture:** *II Peter 1:3-4 (ESV)* pg. 1275
³His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain
to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who
called us to his own glory and excellence, ⁴by which he has
granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that
through them you may become partakers of the divine
nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the
world because of sinful desire.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Message: *The Great Escape*

Prayer

* **Standing on the Promises**

Standing on the promises of Christ, my King!
Through eternal ages let His praises ring;
“Glory in the highest” I will shout and sing,
Standing on the promises of God.

Refrain: Standing, standing,
Standing on the promises of God, my Savior;
Standing, standing,
I’m standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
By the living Word of God I shall prevail,
Standing on the promises of God. *Refrain*

Standing on the promise, I cannot fall,
Listening every moment to the Spirit’s call,
Resting in my Savior as my All in All,
Standing on the promises of God. *Refrain*

* **God’s Blessing**

* **O Zion Haste**

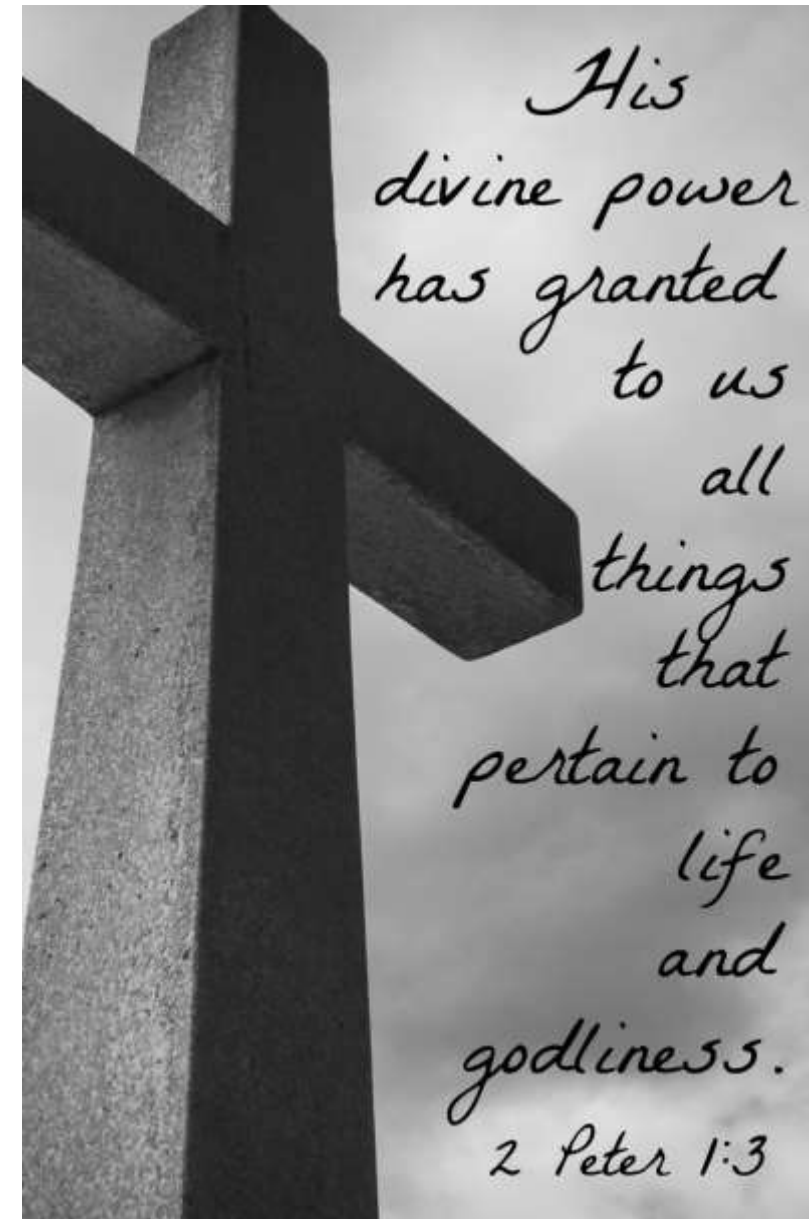
#658:2 (HFG)

Proclaim to every people, tongue and nation
That God in Whom they live and move is love;
Tell how He stooped to save His lost creation,
And died on earth that man might live above.

Refrain: Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace,
Tidings of Jesus, redemption and release.

The Great Escape

II Peter 1:3-4



Worship services are broadcast live in the church basement for anyone who is unable to worship in the sanctuary. The sanctuary is equipped with an assistive listening system. Please switch hearing aids to "T" to use this system.

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